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boxes, and methods of feeding, and concludes with statements regarding the necessity of suppressing the enemies of birds and the necessity for coöperation if a rational protection of the birds is to be brought about. We are pleased to note that progress has been made both in Germany and in our own country in the direction of saving from extinction certain species which are not able to cope with changed conditions resultant from the coming of civilization into these countries. With the author of this little book we hope that the time is not far distant when other countries of the world will heartily join in the movement. L. J.

Significance of White Markings in Birds of the Order Passeriformes. By Henry Chester Tracy. University of California Publications in Zoology. Vol. 6, No. 13, pp. 285-312. December 28, 1910.

This vexed question is discussed by Mr. Tracy, not in the hope that he might be able to finally settle it, but rather "for the purpose of testing the validity of one of the earliest recognized categories of coloration, that of "Directive Markings," in a single order of birds." His discussion takes the form of a review of the discussion of Thayer, who regards white markings as "Concealing," since the two supposed functions might be regarded as antagonistic. Under the heading of "Intrinsic Factors in the Evolution of Color" he properly questions the presumption of Riddle that color patterns, particularly the white patterns, may be due to rhythms of blood pressure. Under the topic of "White Markings as Visual Clues," much evidence is submitted to prove that white markings do often serve as clues, even though they may, under certain conditions, also serve the purpose of concealing coloration. This is true of the birds of the forest as well as birds of the open. The paper is a welcome contribution to the study of this difficult problem. L. J.

Photography for Bird-Lovers. A practical guide. By Bentley Beetham, F.Z.S. With photographic plates. London: Witherby & Co.

After some pertinent remarks concerning the comparatively greater satisfaction resulting from this method of hunting birds as against the hunt with a gun, the author proceeds to give detailed directions for pursuing this "sport" in ten chapters. The author gives unmistakable evidence of being master of his subject in all its details. The directions for making pictures of birds,